

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PURCHASE TEXT-BOOKS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The legal voters of any independent district or district township, may at any time petition in writing the board of directors of said district to submit to the qualified electors thereof at the annual meeting or election in March following, a proposition to purchase text-books to be owned by said district and loaned or otherwise furnished to the resident pupils thereof, under such rules and regulations as the board of directors may prescribe. In case said petition is filed with the secretary of said board of directors thirty (30) days before the time for holding the annual school election in March, he shall forthwith call a meeting of said board to be held within five days thereafter, and if the board shall then find that the petition is signed by one-third of the qualified electors of said district, the board shall submit said proposition to the electors at the March election following.

SEC. 2. The proposition to purchase text-books shall be determined by ballot and all ballots cast for or against said proposition, shall have written or printed thereon the following: "Shall the board of directors of the district purchase text-books for the use of the pupils attending the public schools thereof." The electors favoring said purchase shall have written or printed on the ballot, under said proposition, the words "yes," and those opposing the word "no." And if a majority of all such ballots cast be in the affirmative, then the board of directors are authorized and required to purchase the necessary text-books for the use of the pupils of the district; *provided, however*, that said board shall not purchase said text-books until the electors of said district shall also vote for a levy of a special tax for that purpose, not exceeding three (3) mills on the dollar for that purpose.

SEC. 3. Text-books so purchased shall not be changed for a period of five (5) years, from and after the time of their adoption, except by a majority vote of the electors of the district, at a regular annual March meeting, and providing that thirty (30) days notice of such proposed change shall be given by the secretary, by posting notice of said proposed change, in at least three prominent public places in the district.

SEC. 4. Section 1717, of the Code, is hereby amended by adding after the words "district libraries" in the last line of the third (3) sub-division thereof the following words, "or text-books."

SEC. 5. Section 1807, of the Code, is hereby amended by adding after the words "library and apparatus" in the ninth (9) line thereof the words "and text-books."